

young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Craig Biegel, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a senior at Lynbrook High School in Lynbrook, New York. Mr. Biegel offered his piece, "Angioplasty", which was an acrylic on canvas painting depicting a close-up view of the inside of the heart with a catheter in the aorta, leading to a stent insertion in the right coronary artery. Craig's attention to detail in this piece is certainly a testament to his achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the talented students like Craig Biegel from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our nation, is enhanced by the contributions of students like Craig Biegel. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at Lynbrook High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students' success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration that I offer my thanks and recognition to Craig Biegel.

INVESTING INCOME AT HOME ACT OF 2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Investing Income at Home Act of 2010." This legislation would increase investment in the U.S. economy by allowing "closely held" companies that earn money abroad to create American jobs by investing overseas profits here at home. This would be accomplished by updating an outdated relic of the Tax Code, the personal holding company, or "PHC," tax structure.

Under current law, a personal holding company's undistributed income is taxed at 15 percent. This rate is scheduled to return to the highest individual tax rate of 39.6 percent in 2011 when the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts expire. Unfortunately the personal holding company tax has not evolved to keep up with modern business realities. Family-run companies can be subject to this tax—which they would not pay if they were publicly owned.

The Investing Income at Home Act will modify the definition of "PHC income" to exclude dividends received from foreign affiliates if those dividends are reinvested in the United States. Importantly, these dividends brought back into the United States could not be used by any company to pay executive salaries or benefits.

This bill will ensure closely held corporations impacted by the PHC tax regime would pay

the same level of corporate tax as similarly situated publicly traded corporations. This would free them to invest dividends from foreign sources into the U.S. economy helping to create much-needed jobs here in America.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

RECOGNIZING FOUNTAIN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL'S UNOFFICIAL GUINNESS WORLD RECORD IN POTATO LAUNCHING

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of chemistry students from Fountain Hills High School, who unofficially broke the Guinness World Record for most potatoes launched in three minutes.

The students in AP chemistry and honors-chemistry classes used savvy, creativity and teamwork to break an existing Guinness World Record. Although Guinness has yet to officially acknowledge the record, I am confident that the evidence is sufficient and that approval will be received shortly. One student, Fountain Hills junior Kyle Link, nearly doubled the previous record of potatoes launched in three minutes.

In all, seven different teams broke the record, demonstrating tactfulness in assembling their launchers. The students used applied lessons in engineering, technology, and chemical gas laws while constructing these devices.

I would also like to recognize Dr. Paul McElligott, head of the science department at Fountain Hills High School, for his leadership and instruction in the record-breaking feat. Along with breaking world records, Dr. McElligott is in contention to receive a prestigious Lemelson-MIT Grant worth \$10,000 to fund his proposal regarding safety devices for handicapped patients. His dedication will inspire these students to aim to achieve greatness in their current and future endeavors. We need more fine educators like this man in our country.

I am honored to call Dr. McElligott and his students at Fountain Hills High my constituents. Madame Speaker, please join me in congratulating them on their World Record.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,052,204,878,286.76.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$ 2,413,779,131,992.90 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING CECIL GROVES FOR HIS SERVICE TO SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Cecil Groves for his 40 years of service in higher education and to congratulate him on his retirement after 13 years as president of Southwestern Community College in Sylva, North Carolina. Under his leadership, Southwestern experienced significant expansion, serving as a catalyst for further growth throughout the region.

Dr. Groves received his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Texas. His first job was as the president of Delgado College in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Groves was able to lead Delgado College to national accreditation in the midst of the turmoil of desegregation. Seven years later, he became President of Austin Community College in Austin, Texas. In a city dominated by a major research university, Dr. Groves created a model of the community college as a stepping stone to enrollment at a four-year university. He grew Austin Community College into a 16,000 student campus, creating jobs and allowing students a pathway to achieve their dreams.

After working at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, Colorado and serving as Provost of Texas State Technical Colleges System, Dr. Groves moved to the mountains of Western North Carolina to become the president of Southwestern Community College. He would transform this small school with a strong sense of community into one of the best community colleges in the nation.

During his tenure, Southwestern Community College opened a new campus in Macon County, North Carolina and graduated the largest class in its history. Dr. Groves instituted a new technology platform for delivering education to students, offering Internet learning without sacrificing a sense of community. He encouraged teachers who found their most effective teaching method to continue to succeed, and he pushed those who struggled to continue to work toward becoming better teachers. Most importantly, he was widely loved by the faculty, staff, and students.

Even those in Western North Carolina who are not directly a part of the Southwestern Community College family benefited from Dr. Groves' tenure. One of his biggest contributions to the region was the creation of the Balsam West FiberNET. After an attempt to convert the school's Interactive Television system to digital proved too costly, Dr. Groves began investigating a regional broadband system. Southwestern Community College helped bring together Drake Enterprises and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee to form Balsam West FiberNET. This private, for-profit partnership constructed a 300-mile broadband ring, benefiting both Southwestern Community College and the entire mountain community.

Outside of his duties as president, Dr. Groves has taken an active interest in community development—on a regional, state, and national level. He served as an appointed advisor to governors in two states and testified in